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Air Force Staff Sgt. Kevin

Flenoury uses a fallen tree to cross over a canal during a dismounted mission to Khwazi village, Afghanistan. Members of Provincial Reconstruction Team Zabul visited the village to survey a site for a future well project. PRT Zabul includes Air Force, Army, Department of State, U.S. Agency for International Development and U.S. Department of Agriculture personnel, who work with the government of Afghanistan to improve governance, stability and development throughout the province.



1. Staff Sgt. Jamie Case, a crew chief with the 23rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron from Moody Air Force Base, Ga., conducts pre-flight checks on a targeting pod attached to an A-10 Thunderbolt II during the Green Flag-West 11-2 exercise at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. Green Flag-West provides a realistic air-land integration training environment for forces preparing to support worldwide combat operations.

photo by Tech. Sgt. Michael R. Holsworth



2. The wing commander's F-15E Strike Eagle assigned to the 389th Fighter Squadron sits on the flightline at sunset. The low-altitude navigation and targeting infrared for night, or LANTIRN, system allows the F-15E Strike Eagle to fly at low altitudes, at night and in any weather conditions, to attack ground targets with a variety of precision-guided and unguided weapons.

photo by Senior Airman Debbie Lockhart



3. Senior forward Tom Fow slams home two points as the U.S. Air Force Academy Falcons defeated North Carolina Central 73-56 at Clune Arena in Colorado Springs, Colo. Fow had 10 points and three rebounds against the Eagles.

photo by Mike Kaplan



4. Airmen from Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England, and RAF Marham, England, help a teammate cross a set of ropes at the low-ropes course during Leader, Ethos and Air Power Training Day at Royal Air Force Marham, England. This activity required leadership and mental and physical strength of participants to get all team members to the finishing point.

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5. Airmen from the 36th Airlift Squadron, Yokota Air Base, Japan, push a box of humanitarian assistance goods from a C-130 Hercules during Operation Christmas Drop. The operation includes delivering supplies to the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, Yap, Palau, Chuuk and Pohnpei.

photo by Senior Airman Tabitha Lee



photo by Staff Sgt. Raymond Hoy



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Senior Airman David Watson, 822nd Base Defense Squadron fire team member, takes a moment to say goodbye to his 3-month-old son, Mikah Watson. This is Airman Watson's second deployment to Southwest Asia.



1. Airman 1st Class Scott

Silvester, 2nd Logistic Readiness Squadron vehicle and equipment maintenance apprentice, performs an overall inspection of a Hyster forklift at Barksdale Air Force Base, La. An overall inspection consists of fluid, hose, corrosion and visual checks. The 2nd LRS vehicle maintenance facility is responsible for more than 800 of Barksdale's government vehicles.

photo by Senior Airman LaShanette V. Garrett



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2. Air Force Capt. Ryan Weld

talks with villagers during a wroowali mission to Bakorzai village, Afghanistan. Wroowali, or brotherhood, missions are designed to bring the Afghan people closer to their government. Captain Weld is the intelligence officer for Provincial Reconstruction Team Zabul.

3. Senior Airman Mabel Aguirre,

a 455th Expeditionary Medical Operations Squadron medical technician soothes Ajamal Hazrat, a one-year-old patient at the Craig Joint Theater Hospital located on Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan. Members of the Hazrat family were injured after the propane tank used to heat their home exploded.

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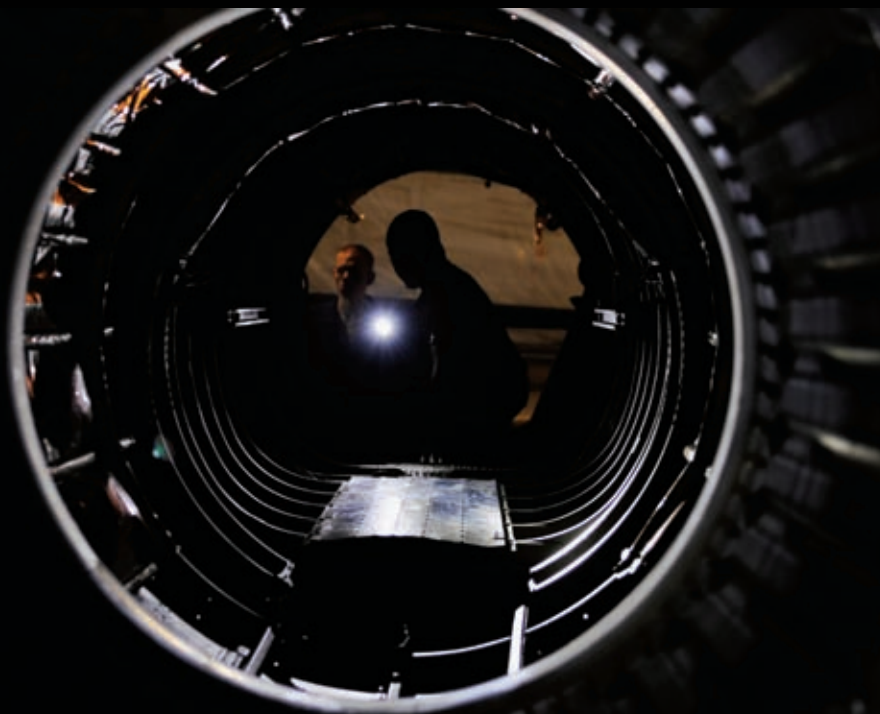


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1. Staff Sgt. Charles Wills, 380th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, shines a flashlight into the tail section of a U-2 Dragon Lady at an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia. The U-2 is a high altitude reconnaissance aircraft that reaches altitudes above 70,000 feet.

2. A 442nd Fighter Wing A-10 Thunderbolt II pilot sits on the ramp in the cockpit of his A-10 while crew chiefs perform a hot pit refuel for his aircraft at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. Hot pit refueling is a procedure usually performed in a combat situation to rapidly refuel aircraft while their engines are running, resulting in a speedy refuel to thrust pilots right back into the fight. The 442nd Air Reserve technicians practice this procedure to keep their skills sharp.

3. Airman 1st Class Thomas Hearnton, 75th Security Forces Squadron, washes off Oleoresin Capsicum spray from his face at Hill, Air Force Base, Utah. OC spray is a non-lethal spray, similar to mace or pepper spray, used to temporarily incapacitate individuals. All SFS Airmen receive the OC training when they first arrive at their squadron.

4. Staff Sgt. Sang Lee, an aircrew flight equipment specialist assigned to the U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron Thunderbirds, wipes down a display helmet in the flight equipment room at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. The aircrew flight equipment section is the focal point for all inspection, maintenance, packing and adjustment of the Thunderbirds flight gear.



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